

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3785**

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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Cell Phone Prohibition for School Bus Drivers		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3785 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 56-1-55 which provides that it is unlawful for a school bus driver to operate a school bus while using a cellular telephone or another wireless communications device.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact. There is no impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

SDE indicates it may have to modify its school bus fleet by installing other types of communication devices, particularly for special needs buses, in order to facilitate communication and to address emergency situations.

Approved by:



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